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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUROSE ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey C. Pwu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 19-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (U.S. 6,213,652).

Suzuki et al. disclose a processing status enquiry system and method of inquiring a status of processing executed by another computer, comprising the steps of:

- sending a request of a processing which a first computer requests a second computer to perform and a first identifier of the processing to the second computer; ("claim 1; "first queuing means for sequentially storing jobs for which processing requests were accepted; second queuing means for sequentially storing jobs whose processing is to be interrupted from among the jobs stored in said first queuing means")
- sending the first identifier to the second computer when the first computer inquires the second computer of a status of the processing requested; (col.15, line 24-col.16, line 60)

- generating, by the second computer, a second identifier corresponding to the processing request received from the first computer and sending the second identifier to the first computer; (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64)
- storing in the second computer the second identifier corresponding to the first identifier; (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64)
- inquiring, by the first computer, to the second computer of a status of said processing using at least one of the first and second identifiers; (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64; col.20, line 38 – col.21, line 56)
- when the first computer determines, upon the inquiring, that the second identifier corresponding to the processing has not been sent due to a failure, sending, by the first computer, the first identifier corresponding to the processing to the second computer; (“There is a technology conventionally known as a remedy for a network system failure, wherein information relating to failures occurred with respect to subscribers on the network is temporarily stored in a log file, and causes of the failures are identified based on the information relating to the failures stored in the log file. For example, Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Sho. 61-75463 discloses an information processing system configured in such a way that each information processor collects status information, representing an internal state of the processor itself, under control of an abnormal processing program which is executed in response to the occurrence of an

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external interruption or the detection of an abnormality, and sends the collected status information to each of the information processors having a display, whereby status information for each information processor is displayed. In other words, this conventional technology makes it easy to increase the speed of identification of failures by collecting status information using the detection of abnormality as a trigger, and displaying the status information on a display.”; col.5, lines 40-60);

- when the second identifier corresponding to the sent first identifier is stored in the second computer, sending, by the second computer, said second identifier to the first computer and inquiring, by the first computer to the second computer of a status of said processing using the sent second identifier; (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64; col.20, line 38 – col.21, line 56)
- wherein the first computer generates the first identifier and stores the first identifier on a hard disk connected thereto; (it is inherent to store the data in a hard disk)
- wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the first computer; (col.7, line 5 – col.8, line 64; particularly “identifiers”)
- wherein the unique information is an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the first computer; (101)

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- wherein, when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a status of the processing is specified to which the second computer notifies the status of the processing, even without any enquiry from the first computer; (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64; col.20, line 38 – col.21, line 56)
- wherein when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a notification destination is specified to which the second computer notifies a status of the processing; and (304)
- wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the client computer. (col.18, line 44 - col.20, line 64)

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19-38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey C. Pwu whose telephone number is 571-272-6798.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER